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SUBJ: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE: SOVIET STATEMENT
IN GENERAL POLICY DEBATE

1. NOV 2 HEAD USSR DELEGATION, DEPUTY MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
IGOR ZEMSKOV, DELIVERED RATHER LOW KEY SPEECH IN THE
PLENARY SESSION, TEXT OF WHICH AIR POUCHED DEPT NOV 4
UNDER REGISTRY NO. 3187503.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR POINTS OF THE
SPEECH:

(A) USSR FROM THE FIRST DAYS OF ITS EXISTENCE QUOTE
RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED AND IS SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE OF
AFRICAN PEOPLES FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE
AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIAL YOKE END QUOTE;

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(B) THE QUOTE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES OF AFRICA AND

THEIR FRIENDS END QUOTE HAD TO MAKE ENORMOUS EFFORTS AND TO BEAR GREAT SACRIFICES TO ACHIEVE "PROFOUND CHANGES" WHICH MADE POSSIBLE CONVENING OF OUR SESSION ON AFRICAN TERRITORY. "THE STRUGGLE FOR COMPLETE LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM COLONIALISM IS GOING ON";

(C) IN PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES ONE "CANNOT TAKE SERIOUSLY VOICES OF THOSE WHO DECLAIM AGAINST SO-CALLED 'POLITIZATION' OF UNESCO." "CAN WE PERMIT OURSELVES TO TURN OUR BACKS TO THE STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN - AND NOT ONLY AFRICAN - PEOPLES AGAINST THE VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM AND AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLONIALISM AND TO CONCENTRATE OUR ATTENTION ON 'NON-POLITICAL' QUESTIONS?", ZEMSKOV ASKED THE AUDIENCE, AND GAVE THIS REPLY: "THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER TO THAT - NO*";

(D) MORE THAN \$300 MILLION DOLLARS ARE BEING ANNUALLY SPENT ON ARMS RACE. ZEMSKOV THEN WENT ON TO RESTATING SOVIET POSITIONS ON DISARMAMENT, REFERRING TO INITIATIVES IN UNGA AND THEIR DR ON ITEM 72 OF GENCONF AGENDA (DOC. 19 C/110);

(E) THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI, ZEMSKOV SUGGESTED, "IS A GOOD GUIDE FOR UNESCO AS REGARDS WIDE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION";

(F) ZEMSKOV DWELLED AT LENGTH ON USSR INITIATIVE AT CURRENT GENCONF ON CULTURAL COOPERATION AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING PEACE (DOC. 19 C/111);

(G) ON THE MIDDLE EAST, ZEMSKOV QUOTE GROMYKO'S RECENT STATEMENT AT UNGA AND CONCLUDED THAT STABILIZATION OF PEACE IN THAT REGION MUST INCLUDE SUCH MEASURES AS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES, THE SATISFACTION OF "LEGITIMATE NATIONAL DEMANDS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING INALIENABLE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE," AND PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GUARRANTEES OF SECURITY FOR ALL MIDDLE EAST STATES, "INCLUDING ISRAEL."

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(H) ZEMSKOV EXPRESSED "SERIOUS CONCERN" WITH CONSTANT GROWTH OF UNESCO BUDGET, CALLING FOR "SOME WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF STABILIZING THE BUDGET OF UNESCO."

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